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ROUSING SENDOFF FOR THE SOLDIERS

CITIZENS JOIN IN FAREWELL
RECEPTION FOR VAN BUREN
COUNTY'S FIRST QUOTA OF
SOLDIERS.

MASONIC ROOMS THROGGED

Business Suspended, and Patriotic
Songs, and Stirring Addresses Will
Cheer the Boys On Their Way.

GET FIRST HONORS.

Cecil J. Wilcox, South Haven
Waldemar Radtke, So. Haven
Andy H. Kemp, Decatur
Stewart S. Swift, So. Haven
Edward M. Woods, Lawton.

Wednesday of this week marked the assembling of America's new National Army. The young men whose names appear at the head of this column are the first on the honor roll of Van Buren County's first contingent of this great army. The five young men were conveyed to camp Custer at Battle Creek via Auto by Sheriff Beattie, chairman of the local exemption board.

The boys were given a royal reception and farewell by the citizens of Paw Paw and vicinity just prior to their leaving. A send off of which they were deeply appreciative, and one which they will not soon forget.

The farewell reception was planned in the masonic lodge, the evening prior to their departure. Harvey A. Sherman was made master of ceremonies, and the success of the meeting was due almost entirely to his efforts during the short time at his disposal. The crowd gathered at the Court house in the morning. The procession was headed by members of the G. A. R. followed by members of the Masonic fraternity and citizens of the community in general as an escort to the young soldiers and chairman of the local board who marched in the rear. Open ranks were formed in front of the lodge rooms and the first members of the National Army from Van Buren marched up the line amid the cheers of the crowd.

An impromptu program was rendered in the lodge rooms, with Mr. Sherman as master of ceremonies. Business places closed and an immense throng turned out to do its part. Patriotic songs were sung by the audience, and addresses given by M. H. Young, master of the lodge, Glenn E. Warner, mayor of the village, T. J. Cavanaugh, secretary of the School Board, and Judge David Anderson, chairman of the county Red Cross, Rev. A. O. Carman made the prayer to open the meeting. A loyal patriotic vein ran through all of the splendid addresses, which will cheer the boys on their way, and cause them to remember in the stirring days to come, that the folks back home are with them in spirit and wish for them a safe return. At the conclusion of the exercises, the large crowd marched past the boys, gave them a hearty hand shake and a word of confidence and appreciation.

The schools had planned to participate in the exercises, and were to march in a body, headed by the band, to the street in front of the Masonic building, where the exercises were to have been held. A downpour of rain however at the last minute, necessitated a change in program, and the school could not participate.

The next contingent of Van Buren's quota will leave Paw Paw September 19th, unless present orders are changed, and it is suggested and planned to make the demonstration at that time a county affair. There will be about fifty to leave at that time, coming from all parts of the county, and friends and relatives of all the boys will want to come and assist in giving them a farewell reception that will never be forgotten.

Lee Reynolds and wife of Chicago spent Sunday last at the home of his father, C. W. Reynolds. Lee has recently been promoted, and is now superintendent of the Right of Way department of the Public Service company.

TROOP "A" GIVEN THE HONOR ASSIGNMENT AT THE CAMP.

The distinction won by Troop "A" of Van Buren County for efficiency and general deportment while on the Mexican border has been recognized by the War department, and the Troop is now "Headquarters Troop to Major Parker of the 32nd, division of the National Guard" at Waco, Texas. This is the honor assignment of the entire division, and was made only after comparison with the records of every other military organization in Michigan. The boys are proud of the distinction, and Van Buren county is likewise gratified.

CLOSE CALL FOR COLBURN FAMILY IN AUTO ACCIDENT.

Best Colburn and family had a narrow escape from serious injury if not death while returning from the Barnum and Bailey parade at Kalamazoo last Saturday. The accident happened about four miles west of Kalamazoo, where there is a narrow place in the road, at the bottom of the hill and a steep embankment on either side. The rear wheels of the car skidded in the sand, throwing the machine over the bank on the south side of the road. The car rolled over two or three times, and landed bottom side up. Not a single member of the family was injured in any way, and the car was quickly righted by those who had assembled who pushed it back up the bank. Mr. Colburn climbed in the car and it was driven home as though nothing had happened. Outside of a ruined top and windshield, the car is just as good as new. The fact that the top was up at the time, probably saved the lives of the occupants.

LARGE BARN ON WILDEY FARM BURNED TO GROUND.

The large basement barn on the W. C. Wildey farm burned to the ground last Tuesday afternoon. The building was 30 by 100 feet with a basement, and had only recently been completed. It contained thirty tons of hay, eighteen acres of rye, a new wagon, two cultivators, potato planter wagon box and many small tools, all of which were lost. The origin of the fire is a mystery. Will Taylor who runs the farm was away at the time, but his family was at home. His son, who was working in a nearby field first discovered smoke coming out from under the roof and within a very few minutes one end of the building fell in, so rapidly did the flames spread. It caught in the hay, and the only solution to the mystery is spontaneous combustion.

Frank Miller and Verne Decker were near by when the fire was discovered, and they quickly spread the alarm, and phoned for the fire department. Many from town hurried to the place and with the assistance of the neighbors, saved the surrounding buildings. The barn was insured for \$800, and the contents of all the barns for \$1,000. This sum however will cover only a fractional part of the loss. Mr. Wildey and Mr. Taylor desire to express their gratitude for the assistance rendered by the fire boys and others in saving the surrounding buildings.

ATTENTION RED CROSS WORKER

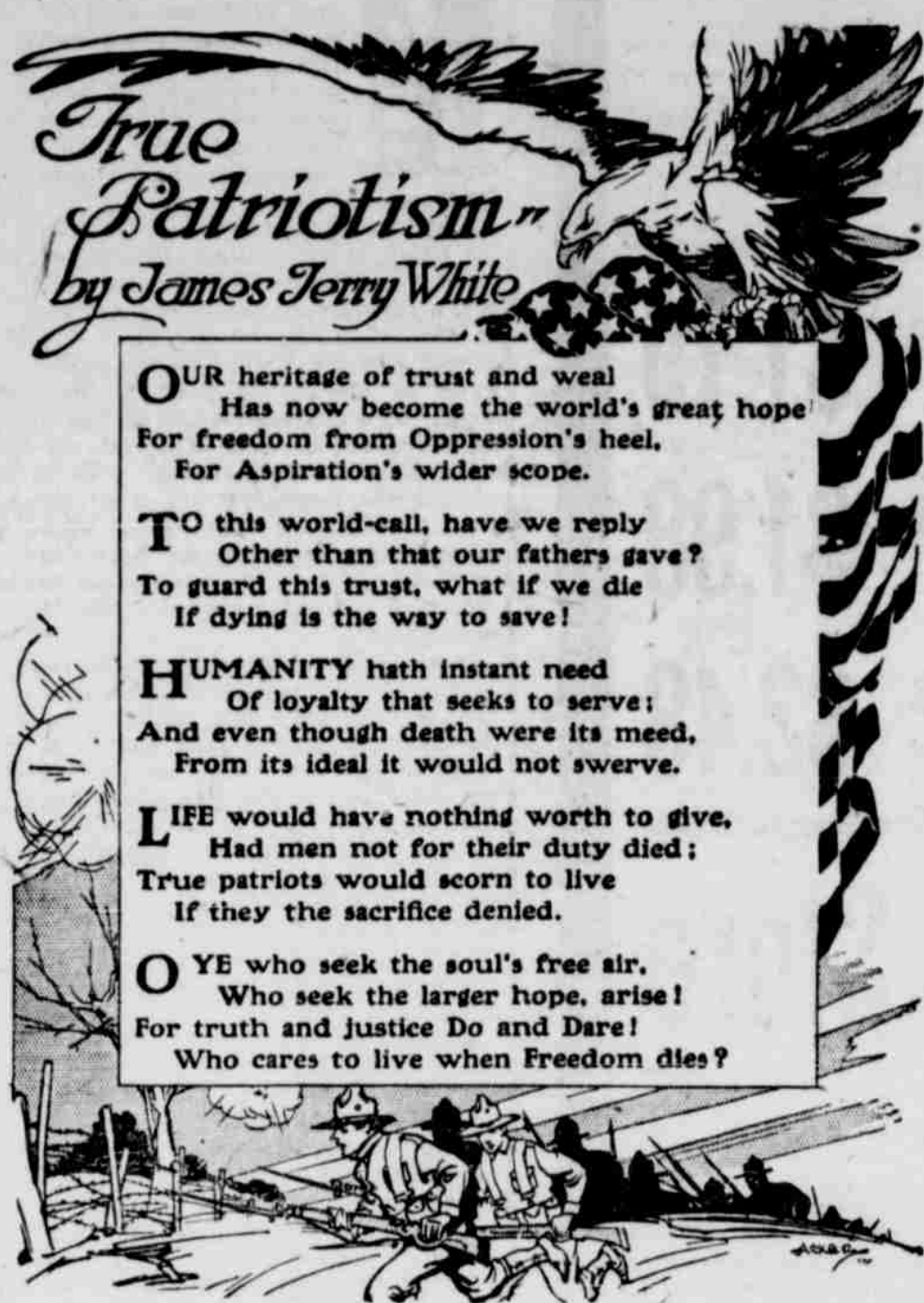
I have received a telegram from Division Headquarters making a most urgent request for a large quantity of knitted woolen articles. The word comes from Europe that there is an expressible dread of the coming winter because of lack of these articles, which will be greatly needed by our own soldiers and those of our Allies, and also by the refugees of the war stricken district.

Van Buren County Red Cross is asked for Two Hundred each of sweaters, mufflers, pairs of wristlets and pairs of socks.

Will not every patriotic woman who can assist in this work apply to her nearest local Red Cross Branch for an opportunity to assist?

David Anderson
County Red Cross Chairman.

Scott D. Hall of Paw Paw and Mrs. Mabel Barlow of Portland, Oregon were united in marriage by Rev. A. O. Carman at the Methodist Parsonage on Tuesday noon September 4th. They will reside on their farm east of the Acorn school house. The True Northerner joins Mr. Hall's legion of friends in felicitations, and best wishes for a long and prosperous journey of marital bliss.



Interesting Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beach and son and Miss Edith Ridgely of Battle Creek were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Spicer Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spicer of Pontiac are at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Spicer.

Mrs. L. W. Heath, sister of Charles Clarke of Kansas, is visiting at the home of his daughter Mrs. A. E. Spicer.

William Kanczka and wife have gone to Karp Lake to visit relatives who are camping there for the summer.

Little Mary McLaws while riding horseback had the misfortune to fall from the horse, fracturing her elbow. She was taken to Kalamazoo for an x-ray examination.

The Misses Clare and Alice Kanczka arrived in Paw Paw to spend several weeks with their mother and sister. Miss Clare returned to Chicago while Miss Alice will remain for the rest of the summer.

Miss Emma Keefer has gone to Hillsdale for a short visit with friends.

Mrs. Newell and grandson from Hillsdale called on her sister Mrs. J. Raymond, also on her brother John Bailey this week.

The ladies of the Third Division will entertain the Aid society and ladies of the congregation of the Presbyterian church at the home of C. C. Young on Friday, September 7th, from two to five, all welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Crabtree, son Clayton and daughter Dorothy were Sunday guests of Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Jackson. Their home is in Crystal Lake, Illinois.

Miss Beatrice Bale left Saturday for Hopkins where she will enter upon her third year as principal of the schools of that place.

Miss Elizabeth Gille of Moran was a guest of Miss Luppitz from Saturday until Monday. She is a teacher in the Saginaw schools and left for that city Monday morning.

Miss Florence Howe arrived Saturday from Northern Michigan where she has spent the summer. She is a student at Alma college and will leave early next week for that place.

John Mutchler and family motored to Ann Arbor last Sunday. Miss Olive Loveland of Bay City joined them at Jackson on the return trip and spent a little vacation with Paw Paw friends, returning to Bay City Thursday morning.

Miss Lettie Tubbs left Saturday for Benton Harbor to resume her position in the schools of that city.

Miss Pearl Dunbar and children of Kalamazoo were guests last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Dunbar.

Lieutenant Frank Isbell accompanied his wife and sister Mrs. McKinstry to Paw Paw on their return trip from Dayton, Ohio last Saturday. He left for Dayton Monday evening. His future location cannot be known to his friends but he will be sent abroad at an early date.

Mrs. George Jackson went to Saline the first of the week for a visit with her daughter Miss Nina Jackson.

Undersheriff and Mrs. Andrew Lang are entertaining their daughter Mrs. Neil Liggett of Grand Rapids this week. Mr. Leggett came with her last Saturday and remained over Sunday.

Miss Olive Loveland of Bay City and Miss Gladys Stoughton of South Haven have been guests of Miss Marian Mutchler this week.

Mrs. William Darby, who has been visiting at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Geddes left Sunday evening for Valparaiso, Ind., where she will make her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hosford of Jackson came Sunday to spend Labor Day with their cousin Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Morton.

Mrs. Fred Beach who has been a great sufferer from cancer, is very low at this writing with no hopes for her recovery. She is a sister of Bert and Leon Douglas.

Register of Deeds, Harry W. Showerman and his wife, are enjoying a few days vacation at Benton Harbor, where Mr. Showerman is taking the Mineral Baths.

The Board of Supervisors were in session Tuesday, September 4th, to arrange for the building of new barns at the County Farm.

Among the Paw Paw people who attended the Barnum and Bailey circus in Kalamazoo last Saturday were Edward DeHaven and a company of friends who motored over in the formers car, and upon arriving home that evening they were completely surprised to find fourteen plates laid for a party of Indiana people, relatives of Mrs. DeHaven. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fayler and family of Fort Wayne, Mr. Harvey Hatfield and family of Burbon and Miss Edna Chambers of Water-vliet, Michigan.

EAST BOUND AFTERNOON TRAIN LEAVES EARLIER.

H. D. Swayze, General Manager of "The Fruit Belt" line has announced a slight change in train schedule, to take effect next Sunday, September 9th. The eastbound afternoon train which has been leaving Paw Paw during the summer at 6:30 P. M. and arriving in Kalamazoo at 7:25 P. M. will leave Paw Paw after next Sunday at 5:20 P. M. and arrive in Kalamazoo at 6:15 P. M. The public are requested to make note of the change in schedule.

VOICES PROTEST AGAINST TOBACCO FOR SOLDIERS.

Dear Editor:—I would like to protest through your friendly columns against sending cigarettes to the soldiers. If the majority of the large manufacturing concerns in the United States refuse to employ young men who smoke cigarettes, claiming it makes them mentally and physically inefficient why encourage the soldier boys to acquire this awful habit when they need to be almost perfect physically to endure the hardships of war.

As more die from illness than from shot and shell, why send a temptation that will undermine the strongest constitution if adopted and require as great a moral fight to overcome as the liquor habit. We will also want our boys to set a good moral example before the French soldiers instead of adopting their bad habits. I would like to recommend to the Red Cross and others the book "The Case Against the Little White Slave" by Henry Ford, Edison and other great men. I will gladly loan mine.

Mrs. E. M. Bailey.

"YEGGS" BLOW SAFE IN MATTAWAN POST OFFICE.

For the first time in many years, "Yeggs" made a visit to Van Buren county Wednesday night and "Cracked" the Post office safe at Mattawan. They did more than "Crack" it according to Sheriff Beattie's statement who said it was literally blown to pieces. The clock stopped at 2:10, which is probably the hour the explosion took place. The following loot was taken from the safe:—Currency \$50.79; Church money \$45.00; 200 two cent stamps; 85 one cent stamps; \$90.00 pension voucher drawn in favor of Henry Freeman; \$69.00 pension voucher drawn in favor of L. D. Wheeler and 187 blank money orders, numbers 39013 to 39200. The office is located in Postmaster Campbell's store, but nothing in the store was molested. The job would indicate that it was done by professionals. They were in a car, from the appearance of the tire tracks, a Ford. Sheriff Beattie and Undersheriff Lang investigated the robbery early Thursday morning but no clues, except four women's hats left in the store, could be obtained. It is probable that the hats were a part of a disguise left in the office in their haste to get away. Deputy Yeider was able to track the car as far as Bassett's Fishery corner, where it turned west, probably on its way toward Chicago. The sheriff soon had officers in all of the surrounding cities working on the case, but it is a difficult matter to apprehend them.

LAST OPPORTUNITY TO ADD YOUR BIT TO TOBACCO FUND.

The tobacco fund for the boys at the front continues to grow. Everybody seems willing to contribute their "Bit" to add a "Crumb of Comfort" for the boys who are fighting America's battles. There are doubtless many yet who have not contributed but who are willing and anxious to do so, and for that reason those in charge will hold the matter open for another week. After Saturday, September 15th, the fund will be closed, and the tobacco boxed and sent to the front. Get busy next week and add your "Bit" if you have not already done so. The complete list of contributors will be published in these columns next week. You can see what has already been done by a glance in Chappell's cigar store window.

Rev. Maurice Grigsby and family motored from Detroit last Saturday and have been the guests of Paw Paw friends during the week. Mr. Grigsby filled the pulpit at the Presbyterian church here Sunday. He is now assistant pastor in one of the large churches in the city of Detroit.

FINE START FOR PAW PAW SCHOOL

TOTAL ENROLLMENT OF 366 THE
LARGEST ATTENDANCE IN
MANY YEARS. WORK WELL
STARTED.

FRESHMEN CLASS OF 68

Increase of 28 Over Last Year in
Ninth Grade. Lack of Class Room
Facilities Necessitates Use of
Assembly Room.

The Paw Paw schools opened last Monday with a total of 366, the largest in years. The increase is most noticeable in the ninth grade, which has an enrollment of sixty-eight, an increase over last year of twenty-eight, and the largest ninth grade enrollment in the history of the school.

The attendance for the four upper grades in the high school corresponding to what has in previous years been the high school, is now 150, while last year for the corresponding grades the enrollment was 115.

The exceedingly large enrollment has complicated the schedule and caused many classes to be divided into two divisions, thus adding a number more classes. It has been necessary to divide the Domestic Science and Manual Training classes into two divisions as well as the beginners in Geometry and General Science classes. The additional classes make it necessary for the first time in several years to hold recitations in the assembly room, there not being enough recitation rooms available.

Superintendent Kaye with his teachers have worked like beavers during the week to get everything organized and in systematic working order, and now have a good start for one of the most successful years in the history of the school.

The personnel of the faculty this year is as follows:—

Superintendent, Orrin W. Kaye. High School teachers, Miss Edith Bandfield, Mathematics, (Came last Spring); Harry Gottheimer, Science and band and orchestra director; Miss Ruth Miller, Latin and German; Miss Beulah Thompson, English (New this year); Miss Blanche Terry, History (New this year); Miss Mabel Chaffee, Supervisor of Penmanship and English; Miss Rose Dillon, History, Arithmetic and Science.

Special Teachers:—Harold Harboldt, Manual Training; Miss Grace Marshall, Domestic Science, (Taught this department in this school previous to this time); Miss Mae Brumstead, Music and Art, (Taught in Lawrence last year.)

Grade Teachers:—Miss Pearl Stevens, Sixth; Miss Ella White, Fifth; Miss Lulu McWilliams, Fourth; Miss Sadie Busley, Third; Miss Veda Brown, Second; Miss Margaret Cole, First and Kindergarten.

The total enrollment of the school by grades is as follows:—Kindergarten, 16; First, 16; Second, 25; Third, 37; Fourth, 25; Fifth, 27; Sixth, 26; Seventh, 23; Eighth, 21; Ninth, 68; Tenth, 38 Eleventh, 25; Twelfth, 19.

COUNTY OWNS APPARATUS FOR RECOVERY OF BODIES

It will be a source of some satisfaction to the people of Van Buren county to know that this county now owns the necessary apparatus for the recovery of bodies of drowned persons. Whenever the necessity for such apparatus has arisen in the past, it has been necessary to go or send to Kalamazoo for such an appliance. In the recent Eagle Lake drowning, Undersheriff Lang and Deputy Yeider drove to Kalamazoo, and while the body was recovered soon after their return, it was necessarily delayed by reason of the drive to Kalamazoo. Sheriff Beattie immediately ordered such an arrangement made for this county. It is to be sincerely hoped that no occasion may arise to us it, but should such a time come again it will be ready.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Dunbomoe entertained their daughter Mrs. Daniel Riley and husband of Benton Harbor over Sunday last.